

Regional Utilities Group 2.0

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Background

- Regional Utilities Group (RUG) was convened periodically by Dept of Public Service (Ed McNamara) to obtain input, exchange information and inform “Team VT” advocacy on key regional (ISO-NE) issues
- Ed recently named Planning Director
- DPS has asked VELCO to take over role of convening RUG
- VELCO had informal conversations with multiple participants (utilities, DPS) to assess what was working, what could be improved

Proposed statement of RUG purpose

1. Gather multiple perspectives on key regional issues
2. Identify areas of alignment and divergence
3. Where appropriate and feasible, coordinate regional advocacy roles and responsibilities

For the sake of...

3. Strengthening “Team Vermont’s” voice and effectiveness at ISO-NE

Proposed approach

- Hold face-to-face meetings quarterly
- Coordinate timing with VELCO Operating Committee
 - Op Com meets, generally in Montpelier, on the 3rd Thursdays of each month, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 - RUG would meet in Montpelier at the VELCO office (Blanchard Court) from 9 to 10:30 a.m. allowing time for Op Com participants to get across town
- Hold conference calls between regular meetings as needed
- Regular topics: Markets, Participants Committee, DER integration, what else?

Questions for Op Com

- Does this approach make sense?
- What topics are important?
- Should we begin July 20?
 - Inaugural session to include strategic thinking about process
- Group composition
 - DPS
 - PUC
 - VELCO
 - Distribution Utilities/VPPSA
 - VEIC
 - Who else?